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REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in more proper format under United States practice.

By the present Preliminary Amendment original Claims 1-12 are cancelled and new Claims 13-23 are presented for examination. New Claims 13-23 are believed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter.

The Abstract has also been amended by the present response to be in more proper format under United States practice.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

Claims 13-23 (New).

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract on page 10 to read as follows:

--ABSTRACT

[METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FOCUSING

ULTRASONIC ENERGY]

An apparatus for treatment of subcutaneous tissue [comprising] including piezoelectric generators [(1)] to generate ultrasonic vibrations. Each generator has a lens [(2)] to focus the ultrasonic vibration at a point [(3)] within the tissue. The focal point may be moved so that the generated ultrasonic vibrations may be focussed exactly at a point within the tissue [which] that requires treatment. The energy enters the surface of the body over a very wide area, and therefore causes minimum damage to healthy overlying tissue--